

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

1. Mayor Jeff Robinson called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, Jeff Robinson, David Keene, Brian Leeman and Robert Howard. Member Absent: David Kee.
3. Consider minutes of previous meetings  
  
It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve town council meeting minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as presented.
4. Receive correspondence and documents:
  - a. Treasurer's Warrants for July 2010  
-Council Members received copies of the Treasurer's Warrants for the month of July 2010. Town Manager asked that questions or concerns be directed to himself or the Finance Director.
  - b. Reports from Department Heads  
-Council members received copies of departmental reports and were asked to direct any questions or concerns to the Town Manager or Department Heads.
  - c. Financials for the period ending 7-31-2010  
-Council Members received copies of the Financial Reports ending 7-31-2010. Town Manager indicated that the numbers speak for themselves.
  - d. Information of the Property Assessed Clean Energy  
-Town Manager provided information to councilors on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program noting affordability clean energy for both residential homeowners and businesses.
  - e. Administrative Consent Agreement to accommodate retaining wall at Lot 245 of Map 32  
-Town Manager reviewed the Administrative Consent Agreement between the Town of Bucksport and between Jin Ming Chen & Xu Juan Cui, property owners. No action at this time.
  - f. Letter from Time Warner Cable regarding renewal of the television franchise pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 546

-Town Manager indicated that the cable television service contract will expire on July 29, 2013. Time Warner Cable is seeking renewal of its cable television franchise pursuant to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. 546 and 47 U.S.C. 546(a).

- g. Invitation from the Chamber of Commerce for a breakfast meeting  
-Mayor Jeff Robinson will talk with the Chamber of Commerce to schedule a breakfast meeting before the end of August.
- h. Letter from PUC in reference to Public Safety Answering Points  
-Town Manager reported that PUC is looking for comments on the proposed plan, along with suggestions on other ways to accomplish PSAP reductions.
- i. Paper Talk Magazine Ad for the Town of Bucksport  
-Town Manager provided a copy of the ad presented to the Paper Talk Magazine paying tribute to Gene Weston and Norman Fitzgerald.
- j. MMA offering the 2010 Elected Officials Workshop  
-Town Manager noted that MMA is offering the 2010 Elected Officials Workshop and if any council member is interested in attending to let him know.

5. Consider introducing the following ordinances:

- a. Amendment to Appendix K, Land Use (exemption of decks and porches from setback)
- b. Amendment to Appendix A Town Charter, Article 4 & 6

David Keene, Chairperson on the Ordinance Committee reviewed the proposed "Amendment to Appendix K, Land Use," such ordinance being for the purpose of exempting decks and open porches from complying with the minimum front setback in the R1 and R2 Districts.

David Keene also reviewed the proposed "Amendment to Appendix A Town Charter, Articles 4 & 6", for the purposes of amending language in Article 4 relating to the term, removal and annual evaluation of the town manager and to change language so that Article 4 is gender neutral; and to repeal Article 6, Department of Education, since all educational responsibilities were transferred by vote of the citizens to Regional School Unit #25 effective 7-1-2009.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by David Keene and unanimously voted to introduce "Amendment to Appendix K, Land Use," such ordinance being for the purpose of exempting decks and open porches from complying with the minimum front setback in the R1 and R2 Districts.

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to introduce "Amendment to Appendix A Town Charter, Articles 4 and 6", for the purposes of amending language in Article 4 relating to the term, removal and annual evaluation of the town manager and to change language so that Article 4 is gender neutral; and to repeal Article 6, Department of Education since all education responsibilities were transferred by vote of the citizens to Regional School Unit #25 effective 7-1-2009.

6. Consider Resolve #R-2011-15 referring a draft of the Rules and Procedures for the Bucksport Planning to Ordinance Committee

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-15.

7. Consider Resolve #R-2011-16 referring amendment to the Town Council Rules Appendix 2 regarding town council committees to the Ordinance Committee

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-16.

8. Consider Resolve #R-2011-17 referring the matter of participating in the PACE Program to the Finance Committee

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve R-2011-17.

9. Consider Resolve #R-2011-18 referring opportunity for citizens to pay for some municipal services electronically to the Finance Committee

It was motioned by Michael Ormsby, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-18.

10. Consider Resolve #R-2011-19 to ratify expenditure for improvements to the tennis court and Miles Lane Field

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-19.

11. Consider Resolve #R-2011-20 authorizing expenditure from the Fire Equipment Reserve Account for repair to the ladder truck

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-20.

12. Consider Resolve #R-2011-21 authorizing appropriation to obtain the services of an engineer to prepare a plan for a walkway leading to the Veterans' Memorial

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-21.

13. Consider Resolve #R-2011-22 authorizing Request for Proposal for a qualified firm to prepare a plan to merge the Miles Lane Trail, Waterfront Trail and Silver Lake Trails as part of an overall trail program for Bucksport

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-22.

14. Consider Resolve #R-2011-23 authorizing expenditure for the School Street Fire Station

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-23.

15. Consider Resolve #R-2011-24 authorizing amendment of contract with Millett Associates in further review the drainage issue in the Miles Lane, Broadway Avenue and Route 1 areas

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-24.

16. Consider Resolve #R-2011-25 authorizing Town Manager to pursue refinancing the loan with Rural Development with MDEP

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-25.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to suspend the rules to take up an item not on the agenda.

It was motioned by Brian Leeman, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted to approve Resolve #R-2011-26 awarding bid for purchase of a used bulldozer to Wess Whitmore in the amount of \$1,825.

17. Issue licenses and permits, if any

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Brian Leeman and unanimously voted to approve Victualer License for Greg and Leslie Wilson, d/b/a Beechwood Farm.

18. Hear Town Manager's Report

a. Highway Improvements

-All of the summer paving has been completed. Construction continues on the upper end of Middle Street. The project should be completed by the end of August. The first layer of pavement has been placed on Central Street. The Highway Department is currently working to reshape the shoulders and driveways. The work should be completed by the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. Wardwell Trucking and Construction will be raising the sewer manholes during the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>. Once this work has been completed, Lane Construction will return to install the curbing and the final lift of pavement. Work should commence on Spofford Avenue by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

b. Townsite Drainage Improvement

-The contractor began to work on Monday, August 9. Work is progressing well and the project is scheduled for completion by the end of October.

c. Silver Lake Boat Landing Project

-Plisga and Day have completed the survey work and Mike Millett should have the schematics completed by the third week in August. At that time, the committee will get together and make a final decision on the preliminary plans.

d. Energy Grant

-Bids for the new pellet boiler will be received on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that the town council will award the bid at the August 26<sup>th</sup> town council meeting. The project should be completed by the end of November.

e. Improvements to the Town Dock

-The contract for the SHIP grant has been signed and Pine Tree engineering is completing the plans. The goal is to bid the project by the end of August and award the contract at the regular town council meeting in September. All work has to be completed by December.

f. Concession Stand

-All pavement, loam and seeding has been completed in the vicinity of the concession stand including the handicap walkway extending from the concession stand to the bleachers located on the football field.

g. Staking Rink Repaving

-Paving at the skating rink has been completed and the section of the fence that had to be removed to allow equipment to enter the rink has been reinstalled. The project was completed within budget.

h. Financials Ending 6-30-2010

-The audit and year-end closing for fiscal year ending 6-30-2010 are progressing well. We definitely closed out the year in very good financial standing and the fund balances reflect or exceed projections made during the budget process. Council members received copies of the financials reflecting the year-end balances, and should you have any questions regarding any of the information, please see Finance Director or myself.

19. Discussion items

Town Manager reported that the citizen making the complaint concerning the manhole on Main Street indicated that the manhole is still making a rattling noise. Town Manager will join this citizen tomorrow (Friday) morning at 7:00 AM to set on his front porch, and will report his findings back to the council at the next meeting.

20. Consider executive session to discuss offer for the so-called Nason Property

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to move into executive session at 8:32 PM.

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Michael Ormsby and unanimously voted to return to town council meeting at 8:35 PM.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

21. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary